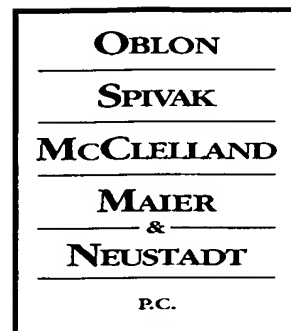




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Applicants: Masahiko AKIYAMA, et al.
Filing Date: February 27, 2004
For: DISPLAY DEVICE HAVING FLEXIBILITY AND A
WINDING AXIS THAT WINDS THE TWO
SLIDABLE PLATES
Group Art Unit: 2871
Examiner: CHIEN, LUCY P.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included at pages 2-6 of the Notice Allowance includes several features not recited in the independent claims.

More specifically, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance states that Claim 6 is allowable because "Uchikoga ... does not disclose ... wherein the display part is rectangular whose one side is long the first direction (*sic*). And where the winding axis rolls up the two thin plates with the contact members attached." These features are not recited in independent Claim 6.

With respect to Claim 8, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance states "Uchikoga ... does not disclose ... wherein the display part is rectangular whose one side is long the first direction (*sic*). And where the winding axis rolls up the two thin plates with the contact members attached." These features are not recited in independent Claim 8.

Similarly, with respect to Claim 14, the Notice of Allowance states "Uchikoga ... does not disclose ... wherein the display part is rectangular whose one side is long the first direction. And where the winding axis rolls up the two thin plates with the contact members

attached.” It is respectfully noted that these features are not recited in independent Claim 14.

As to Claim 16, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance states “Uchikoga ... does not disclose ... a first close contact member which has flexibility and which is provided linearly in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction at both sides of a surface of the first thin plate which faces the second thin plate, and the second close contact member.” These features are not recited in independent Claim 16.

Additionally, the Notice of Allowance states at page 4 that Claim 17 is allowable because it depends from Claim 6. However, Claim 17 depends from allowable Claim 16.

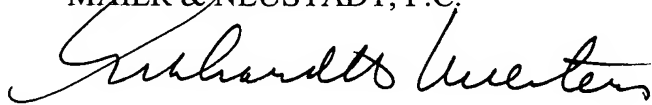
Applicants further note that Claims 21-27 depend from allowable Claim 20, and not from Claim 6 as stated at page 5 of the Notice of Allowance.

Additionally, the Notice of Allowance further states at page 6 that “the prior art does not disclose the display having a contact member fixing the two thin plates together and allowing the plates to be slidably engaged with the first contact member so the plates are slidable in the second direction with each other.” Applicants note that these features are not recited in the independent claims.

In light of the foregoing discussion, Applicants respectfully request that a revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance be issued without reference to subject matter not recited in the independent claims.

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